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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Annual Compliance Report, 2015

Docket No. ACR2015

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 5

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To clarify the Postal Service's FY 2015 Annual Performance Report (FY 2015 Report) and FY 2016 Annual Performance Plan (FY 2016 Plan),¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following requests. Answers should be provided to individual requests as soon as they are developed, but no later than January 28, 2016.

1. The FY 2016 Plan must "[cover] each program activity set forth in the Postal Service budget...." 39 U.S.C. § 2803(a). In its Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2014 Program Performance Report and FY 2015 Performance Plan,² the Commission determined that "Postal Service budget" means its operating budget that is part of the Integrated Financial Plan. FY 2014 Analysis at 10. In the FY 2014 Analysis, the Commission also directed the Postal Service, in its FY 2016 Plan, to "identify all program activities in its budget and explain how the FY 2016 Plan covers each one." *Id.* at 11. Please identify all of the program activities in the operating budget and explain how the FY 2016 Plan covers each one.

¹ The FY 2015 Report and FY 2016 Plan are included in the Postal Service's FY 2015 Annual Report to Congress. See Library Reference USPS-FY15-17, December 29, 2015, at 11-28 (FY 2015 Annual Report).

² Docket No. ACR2014, Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2014 Program Performance Report and FY 2015 Performance Plan, July 7, 2015 (FY 2014 Analysis).

2. In its FY 2015 Annual Report, the Postal Service states that in FY 2016 it expects “that the eventual completion of the second phase of the network consolidation project...will improve overall service performance....” FY 2015 Annual Report at 15. Please explain how the completion of the second phase of the network consolidation project is expected to improve service performance and which performance measures would be impacted. See FY 2015 Annual Report at 14.

By the Acting Chairman.

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